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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF REV. GUY MERVEILLE AND
REF. A. WILLIAM SABATINO. REQUEST CONFIRM ARRIVAL
AND DEPARTURE DATES AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

2. WE WISH TO RECOMMEND FOLLOWING SINGAPOREANS FOR
POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION BY PENNSYLVANIA'S BICENTENNIAL
COMMISSION:

3. DR. GOH KENG SWEE, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER
FOR DEFENSE. BORN 1918 IN MALACCA, MALAYSIA, DR.
GOH IS INDIVIDUAL MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC MIRACLE
OF SINGAPORE. HE INITIATED SINGAPORE'S INDUSTRIALI-
ZATION PLAN, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THE JURONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.
HE IS PROMINENT IN REGION, HAVING REPRESENTED SINGAPORE
AT NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, INCLUDING
MEETINGS OF THE WORLD BANK AND IMF. HE RECEIVED THE
1972 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE. HAS
DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC RECORD, WINNING FIRST CLASS
HONORS IN B.SC. (ECONOMICS) AT RAFFLES COLLEGE AND PH.D.
FROM UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

4. SINNATHAMBY RAJARATNAM, FOREIGN MINISTER. BORN
CEYLON 1915, MR. RAJARATNAM WAS FORMERLY MINISTER FOR
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CULTURE AND MINISTER FOR LABOR. FORMER JOURNALIST,

WORKED FOR SEVERAL WELL KNOWN NEWSPAPERS AND WAS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF SINGAPORE STANDARD AND MEMBER
EDITORIAL STAFF OF STRAITS TIMES. FORMER
PRESIDENT OF SINGAPORE UNION OF JOURNALISTS. CONVENOR
AND FOUNDER MEMBER OF PEOPLE'S ACTION PARTY.

5. WEE CHONG JIN, CHIEF JUSTICE. BORN PENANG 1917,
JUSTICE WEE HAS BEEN CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
SINCE 1957. HE IS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF WORLD PEACE
THROUGH LAW CENTER AND PARTICIPATED IN WASHINGTON WORLD
CONFAB ON WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW IN SEPTEMBER 1965.

6. GORDON ARTHUR RANSOME, PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL
MEDICINE AT UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE. BORN GREAT BRITIAN,
1910, PROFESSOR RANSOME WAS KNIGHTED BY QUEEN ELIZABETH
IN JUNE 1972. HEAD OF OUTRAM GENERAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL
UNIT UNTIL APRIL 1972, WHEN HE RETIRED. FOUNDER MEMBER
OF SINGAPORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

7. ERNEST S. MONTEIRO, SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR TO UNITED
STATES, PRO-CHANCELLOR AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT UNI-
VERSITY OF SINGAPORE. BORN 1906, SINGAPORE, AMBASSADOR
MONTEIRO HAS BEEN PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, DEAN
OF MEDICINE AND DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
SINGAPORE. HE WAS APPOINTED ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR OF
UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE IN 1960. WAS AMBASSADOR TO
CAMBODIA PRIOR TO WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT.
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